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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see reply pages 2-8, filed December 5, 2005, with respect to claims 1-9 and 22-32 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-9 and 22-32 has been withdrawn.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 33, 34, and 36-38 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 33, 34, and 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sieben (US 5,445,155).

Sieben anticipates all claimed features in claims 33, 34, and 36-38.

Claims 33, 34, 37, and 38: Sieben discloses an intravascular device comprising an elongated member and a braided layer disposed within the elongated member where the braid includes at least two braid strands and at least one of the braid strands forms part of electrical circuit that forms transmission line and an antenna for RF transmission and reception and the braid strands is an electrically conductive material such as silver (col. 11, line 55- col. 12, line 6). In addition, Sieben discloses in figure 5 where the multiple layers of braided wires are separate with insulation layer or sleeves (col. 13, lines 5-32).

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Claim 36: Sieben further discloses tat the catheter or probe disclosed above is a guide wire device to navigate through the patient's vasculature to position the device to a desire location (col. 28, lines 13-24).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-14 and 16-32 are allowed.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William Jung, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-4739. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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